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Hon. Michael Kubayanda  
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Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
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Re: Docket number: MC2021-78

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COMMISSION

April 28, 2021

Dear Chairman Kubayanda,

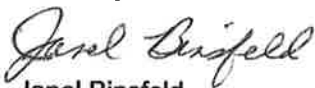
I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the impact of moving bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive Product category. I know this will dramatically increase the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools.

I teach first grade at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in St. Cloud, Minnesota and there is no doubt that the additional costs will ultimately be passed on to those who purchase books- students and their families. There are already too many barriers to reading for most families I work with. I depend on access to affordable books, which the bound printed matter rates provide, to help me close the gap for my lower income students who normally could not afford higher priced books.

Typically 20 % of my students come from families that don't have the means to create home libraries for their children. As a Scholastic Book Club partner I am able to earn and use Bonus Points to build a classroom library of books for my students. I am also able to give low-cost high- quality books to students in my class as gifts, especially to those who would otherwise never have a new book of their own. These books, both in the classroom and at home continue to inspire a love of reading in my students, which has a positive impact on their success in all areas of life. I am also rebuilding my classroom library after a school fire in 2019 destroyed all of my classroom library books. I was not reimbursed for any of them.

The pandemic has already had a tremendously negative consequence on my students' learning experience and literacy rates in the US. The increase in mailing costs of educational materials will make access to children's literature even more difficult. I urge you to deny this transfer, or to exempt educational materials, so that I can continue to provide access to affordable, quality books for my students and families. The impact of this change for our school children would be too high a cost to bear.

Sincerely,

  
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